



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 6369 **Expanding Contracting Opportunities for Small Businesses Act of 2018**

As reported by the House Committee on Small Business on September 12, 2018

H.R. 6369 would raise the threshold amount that federal contracting officers may award in sole-source contracts to certain types of small businesses. In addition, until the Small Business Administration (SBA) develops a program to determine small businesses' eligibility to receive such contracts, the SBA would need to certify businesses individually upon request from a federal contracting officer. H.R. 6369 also would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to evaluate and report to the Congress on federal policies and practices regarding classifying and awarding sole-source contracts.

Using information from the SBA, CBO estimates that developing the certification program would cost less than \$500,000—the agency is already developing a similar program. Based on the costs of similar tasks, CBO estimates that it would cost GAO less than \$500,000 to complete the required evaluation and report. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 6369 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6369 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 6369 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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